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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR  
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) There is established a  
2       Connecticut Loan Forgiveness program for teachers of mathematics  
3       and science to be administered by the Department of Higher  
4       Education.

5       (b) Within available appropriations, the program shall provide a  
6       student loan reimbursement grant for persons who (1) attended any  
7       institution of higher education, (2) majored in education or an  
8       education related field, and (3) are newly employed on or after January  
9       1, 2006, but before January 1, 2007, as a teacher of mathematics or  
10      science in an elementary or secondary school in Connecticut.

11      (c) Persons who qualify under subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of  
12      this section shall be reimbursed on an annual basis for qualifying  
13      student loan payments in an amount equal to ten per cent of approved  
14      reimbursement award in the first year, fifteen per cent in the second  
15      year, twenty per cent in the third year, twenty-five per cent in the

16 fourth year and thirty per cent in the fifth year of employment. In no  
 17 case shall any person be reimbursed more than twenty-five thousand  
 18 dollars. A person qualifying under subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of  
 19 this section shall only be reimbursed for loan payments made while  
 20 such person is employed as a teacher of mathematics or science. The  
 21 Department of Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements  
 22 for recipients of such reimbursements. Such requirements may include  
 23 income guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Department of  
 24 Higher Education at such time and in such manner as the  
 25 Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

26 (d) The recipients of reimbursements pursuant to this section for the  
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, shall constitute a cohort and  
 28 reimbursements for succeeding years shall only be available for  
 29 members of such cohort.

30 (e) Any unexpended funds appropriated for purposes of this section  
 31 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year but shall be available for  
 32 expenditure during the next fiscal year.

33 (f) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the Department of  
 34 Higher Education may use up to two per cent of the funds  
 35 appropriated for purposes of this section for program administration,  
 36 promotion and recruitment activities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2006	New section

***ED***      ***Joint Favorable***